

Academic Standards Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 5, 2015
The Greene School
94 John Potter Rd
West Greenwich, RI
4:30-6:30 pm

Members present:

Alex Edelmann, Deb Fletcher, Joshua Laplante, Amy Pratt, Jen Sherer

1. Changing student population: Special education and other support needs
 - a. Mr. Laplante presented data on changing student populations and supports that will be put into place this year: Academic Support Grade 9, Literacy Workshop Grade 10, Special Education Grades 9-12.
2. Course options
 - a. Rethinking credit, courses, and schedules to meet the needs of our students.
3. Handbook changes
 - a. Mr. Laplante will send the changes to the committee for board vote in two weeks.
4. EL Credentialing update
 - a. Ms. Edelmann reported that they are ready to present this Friday at 10 am.
5. World language update
 - a. Will look carefully at the program this year and learn from our pilot year.
6. Proficiency based -grading and Habits of work—do we need more accountability?
 - a. Data analysis shows that the HOW goal to improve identified this year was met. 3.1 for actively and respectively participating in class.
 - b. Meeting deadlines remains a challenge and the faculty will continue to work on this. 2.8 average 2014-15.
 - c. This is an ongoing conversation
7. What can Academic Standards Committee do to support 2015-16 school goals?

- a. Mr. Laplante presented the EL Work Plan and goals for the year.
 - i. Students will become more engaged and reflective learners who produce high quality work through improved writing and reasoning skills in all content areas.
 - ii. Foster a culture of data-based instruction to support the needs of all students through the differentiation of instruction and assessment
 - iii. Support and hold staff accountable by providing consistent, calibrated, and regular warm and cool feedback.
- b. To serve as a sounding board for big ideas
- c. Revisit the goals of the committee
- d. Plan for next meetings (Scheduled at 4 pm unless venue changes, in which case we would meet at 4:30. We will determine this closer to the actual meeting.)
 - i. November 18, discuss first quarter data
 - ii. February 3, discuss first semester data
 - iii. June 9, discuss second semester data and credit recovery

Motion to adjourn by Amy Pratt (6:15 pm)

Second by Deb Fletcher

All approved